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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Long Hill Conference Room – Trumbull Town Hall
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Immediately Following the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:30PM following the Pension Board of Trustees Meeting which adjourned at 8:23PM

Members Present

Anna Henry, Vice Chairman
Alfred Liggins, Secretary
Philip DiGennaro, Commissioner
William Murphy, Commissioner
Albert Zamary, Commissioner

Also Present

Chief Thomas H. Kiely
Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Michael Harry
Officer Robert Coppola
Attorney Edward Walsh

Not Present

Jack Testani, Commission Chairman

Public Comment – None

Approval of the April 12th, 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner ZAMARY) to ACCEPT the minutes of the April 12th, 2011 Police Commission Meeting as presented. Discussion followed the motions.

Commissioner Liggins brought to the attention of the Commission that motions made after Executive Session were inadvertently omitted from the minutes and amendments to same were requested.

The motions omitted were as follows regarding revisions to the current Town of Trumbull Tow Policy along with further information regarding same.

MOTION made (Commissioner DIGENNARO) 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) to revise the current Town of Trumbull Tow Policy to read “Towing companies places of business shall be located within a 7 mile radius of the Trumbull Town Hall at the intersection of Church Hill Rd & Main Street (Route 111) changing the radius from 5 miles to 7 miles with a twenty minute response time; eliminate requirement that applicant shall be a tax payer of the Town of Trumbull”. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Edward Walsh will provide a newly revised Town of Trumbull Tow Policy for approval at the May 10, 2011 Police Commission Meeting.

MOTION made (Commissioner DIGENNARO) 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) to APPROVE the amendments to the April 12th 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. No discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

Chief Kiely’s Report

Copies of the final budget was distributed to the Commissioners for their perusal.

Up-coming Events

- Trumbull Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th, 2011 at the Westfield Mall; Time 3:00PM to approximately 11:00PM.
- Deputy Chief Byrnes will meet with Westfield management on Wednesday, May 12, 2011 to discuss tentative plans for a three-day circus at Westfield Mall scheduled for the weekend of July 4th, 2011. Westfield will cover the cost of the required Officers at this event.
- Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30, 2011.

The Red-Lite cameras were not approved by the State of Connecticut Legislature.

Chief Kiely is vehemently opposed to the decriminalization of the use of marijuana. In his opinion, it is a gateway to drug use.

The business community will be alerted to the fact that counterfeit \$20.00 bills are being circulated, according to the INTEL information received by Deputy Chief Harry.

Breaks into vehicles have somewhat increased, some of which occur overnight. Residents should be conscientious in locking their vehicle(s) and removing all items of value. These break-ins occurred recently in the Nichols area of Town. Trumbull Police will increase patrol presence in the vicinity.

Due to the recent stabling at Stern Village, Officer Fedor will be contacting Stern Village management to arrange for an informative meeting with the residents to address personal safety tips.

There were two burglaries in Town; one has been solved, with the other involved in an on-going investigation.

The bank robber of People's Bank located at 888 White Plains Rd has been served an Arrest Warrant; an additional warrant is currently down at the Court awaiting the judge's signature.

The written portion for entry level officers has been completed. Of the 149 applicants, 137 took the test, 12 no shows. Of the 137 taking the test, 69 passed – 68 failed. The oral interviews are scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, 2011.

Due to State budget restraints, we will look into the possibility of training for the new recruits at facilities in Milford, Bridgeport and Hartford and, if available, in Stamford.

A good working relationship has developed between the Trumbull Police Department and TPAUD. Through their grants, they paid for our officers, on an overtime basis, to participate in "Party Patrol" looking for underage drinking.

In 2010, TPAUD undertook the financial responsibility in having officers at the Indian Ledge Concert checking ID's. They have held classes for local liquor establishments and restaurants to familiarize owners and personnel with identifying fake ID's.

The heroic actions of our Navy Seals, resulted in the demise of Osama Bin Ladin. Homeland Security is very forthcoming with intelligence information. Everyone should be alert AND PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, REPORT IT.

Our canine Cyrus/handler Officer Carlson, assisted Monroe Saturday evening May 07th, 2011 with a search for an individual in the woods; that was successful.

The Trumbull Police Department has been given an opportunity on the State level of DOT, an offer to attend a class being run by the National Highway Training Administration in Cambridge, MA on speed management. It is a unique opportunity. A Trumbull officer, partnered with Monroe and the Connecticut State Police, will attend the all expenses paid three day class and accommodations and hopefully come back with good strategies on how to deal with speeding issues.

Year-to-date, officers have responded to 756 Burglar Alarms all of which were false alarms.

The False Alarm Abatement Ordinance will be revisited for revisions.

As First Responders, officers responded to 623 Medical Calls year-to-date.

The New England Hostage Negotiation Association has elected Trumbull Police Sergeant Phil Hadden as the Connecticut Representative.

Officer Kelly Brown, on this date, Tuesday evening, May 10, 2011, graduates from the Fairfield County Detective Conference which is a two week intensive crime scene investigatory school.

The following reports were made available to the Commissioners:

Monthly Statistics Report, Monthly Arrest Summary – Adult, Training Report & Monthly Sick Time/Job Injury/Light Duty Report.

Chief Kiely, along with Deputy Chiefs Byrnes and Harry, attended a seminar which dealt with issues regarding the Arab, Muslim & Sheikh communities. The information provided was very educational and enlightening.

The Town of Trumbull Highway Department has been notified of the traffic related improvements for installation of additional signs, markings and distance markings at the Whitney Ave Rails to Trails crossing. Once, shrubs/bushes are cut back for line of site, the signs will be installed. Scheduling for the road painting is still in the planning stage

In the near future the following will occur; a new traffic light on Route 127/Shawnee Rd. will be installed; an update of the traffic light on Route 111/Stonehouse Rd and the widening of Route 127 in the area of Trumbull Center & Reservoir Ave.

The Trumbull Police Department's Traffic Team assisted Bridgeport Police Department with a fatal accident involving a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle.

Traffic Officer Thomas Richard assisted Bridgeport Police Department by providing a training day on the laser/mapping equipment used for accident investigations.

Our Traffic unit will join Monroe & Shelton in doing laser/ mapping in Town. Officer Richard, who is well versed in laser mapping, will be teaching laser mapping which highlights the diverse talents in our Department.

A traffic study of Hedgehog Rd/Daniels Farm Rd was suggested to gather information with regards to the volume of traffic and recommendations to improve the traffic pattern in this vicinity.

MOTION made (Commissioner DIGENNARO) 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) to enter Executive Session to discuss proposed revisions to the Town of Trumbull Tow Policy and review Grievance #11-01.at 9:00PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner LIGGINS) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing/discussing Grievance #11-01.

Entering into Executive Session: Chief Thomas H. Kiely, Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes, Deputy Chief Michael Harry, Commission Vice Chairman, Anna Henry, Commissioners DiGennaro, Liggins, Murphy & Zamar, Officer Robert Coppola, President, Trumbull Police Union Local 1745, Council #15, Town Attorney Edward Walsh.

MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2nd (Commissioner DIGENNARO) to adjourn Executive Session at 9:35PM. ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner DIGENNARO) to DENY Grievance #11-01 filed by Officer Paul Driscoll and keeping Warning Letter in place. ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2ND (Commissioner ZAMARY) to enter into Executive Session at 9:43PM for the purpose of discussing revisions of the Town of Trumbull Tow Policy. ALL IN FAVOR - MOTION CARRIED.

Entering into Executive Session: Chief Thomas H. Kiely, Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes, Deputy Chief Michael Harry, Commission Chairman Anna Henry, Commissioners DiGennaro, Liggins, Murphy & Zamar, Town Attorney Edward Walsh.

MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2nd Commissioner ZAMARY) to adjourn Executive Session at 9:45PM.

Upon discussion of the proposed revisions of the Town of Trumbull Tow Policy, MOTION made (Commissioner LIGGINS) 2nd (Commissioner ZAMARY) to accept changes in the Town of Trumbull Tow Policy per Attorney Edward Walsh's draft dated 05/10/11 with the exception of section 4A which will be deleted. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Walsh will present a final draft of the Town of Trumbull Tow Policy at the scheduled June meeting.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Oral Interviews of the candidates for the Sergeant promotion will be conducted.

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner DIGENNARO) to adjourn the Trumbull Police Commission Meeting at 9:55:PM ALL IN FAVOR
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission